

REMARKS

Summary of the Amendment

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 14, and 16 will have been amended. By the present Amendment and Remarks, Applicant submits that the rejections and objections have been overcome, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application.

Traversal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over QIAO in view of NIEMI. Assuming arguendo that the combination is proper, Applicant submits that the cited references, singularly or in combination, do not teach all the features of the rejected claims.

Independent Claims 1, 8, and 16

Applicant's independent Claims 1, and similarly Claims 8 and 16, as amended recite, *inter alia*, ... an examining unit that examines that application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network, the application software being capable of issuing a print job to the image forming apparatus; and a power control unit that controls the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus based on the result of the examination and the condition stored by the storing unit.

In other words, a feature of our claimed invention is determining on the basis of a name of application software whether or not the information processing apparatus can issue a print job, and connecting the determination result to the power supply control of the image forming apparatus.

Applicant submits that the combination of QIAO and NIEMI does not teach the aforementioned features. Neither of the cited references focuses on that there are two types of application program. One type is able to instruct to print through it and the other type is not. For example, the program, "explore.exe" itself is not able to issue a print job, while another program, "winword.exe." is able to issue a print job.

Because the combination of QIAO and NIEMI fails to disclose the above-noted features of the present invention, Applicant submits that QIAO and SUGAHARA fail to disclose each and every feature of the present invention as recited in Independent Claims 1, 8, and 16. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of Independent Claims 1, 8, and 16 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-14

Applicant further submits that dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-14 are allowable at least for the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent Claims 1 and 8 and because these claims recite additional features that further define the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Application is Allowable

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim on the present invention meets the requirements for patentability and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate allowance of such claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that none of the references of record anticipate or render obvious the Applicant's invention as recited in Claims 1-14 and 16. The applied reference of record has been discussed and distinguished, while the significant claimed features of the present invention have been pointed out.

Further, any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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